Appendix Q Colonization of Cargo Residue in the Great Lakes by Zebra Mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*) and Quagga Mussel (*Dreissena bugensis*) 1 2

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4 Zebra Mussel (Dreissena polymorpha) and Quagga

5 Mussel (Dreissena bugensis)

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Introduction

- 8 The U.S. Coast Guard is preparing an EIS to support rule making for management of dry
- 9 cargo residue (DCR). Concern over DCR discharged to the lakes as potential substrate for
- the colonization of the invasive species *Dreissena polymorpha* (zebra mussel) and *Dreissena*
- 11 bugensis (quagga mussel) within the Great Lakes has prompted an investigation into their
- 12 attachment onto these residues. Invasion of the Great Lakes by dreissenids has caused both
- environmental and economic concerns. Providing additional habitat for their proliferation
- may increase their expansion into other areas of the lakes. This technical memorandum
- 15 consists of a literature review and provides input in the EIS analysis of invasive mussel
- impacts in the lakes. The goals of the literature review are the following:
- Discuss life processes of *Dreissena spp*
 - Document limiting factors of *Dreissena spp*, particularly substrate preferences
 - Consider ecological and economic impacts of *Dreissena spp* colonization
 - Find and interpret relatively recent *Dreissena polymorpha* (zebra mussel) and *Dreissena bugensis* (quagga mussel) distributions in the open waters of the Great Lakes in relation to navigational track lines of cargo ships

Origin

- 24 Zebra mussels are considered native to the Black Sea, Caspian Sea, and Ural River areas of
- 25 Eurasia. Quagga mussels are indigenous to the Dneiper River drainage of Ukraine and were
- 26 reported in Ukraine's Bug River in 1890 (Andrusov, 1890). Canals built in Europe have
- 27 allowed both of these species to expand their ranges, and they now have expanded into
- 28 most major drainages in Europe. Zebra and quagga mussels in the Great Lakes have been
- 29 introduced by numerous sources in northwestern and north central Europe, from which
- 30 shipping to the Great Lakes originates (Jentes, 2001). Zebra mussels were first discovered in
- 31 Lake St. Clair in 1988 and quagga mussels where first noted in Lake Erie in 1989. Quagga
- 32 mussels where not identified as a distinct species until 1991.

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Life Processes

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- 35 Both zebra and quagga mussels are prolific breeders; this possibly contributes to their
- 36 spread and abundance. *Dreissena spp* are dioecious (either male or female) with external
- 37 fertilization. A fully mature female mussel is capable of producing up to one million eggs
- 38 per season. Reproduction of zebra mussels usually occurs in the spring or summer,
- 39 depending on water temperature. Optimal temperature for spawning is 14°C to 16°C
- 40 (USGS, 2005); in waters that are warm throughout the year, spawning may occur over
- 41 longer periods. Spawning for quagga mussels in profundal areas is reported to occur at 9°C
- 42 (Claxton and Mackie, 1998). This lower spawning temperature may give the quagga mussel
- an advantage over the zebra mussel and may contribute to its invasions in the northern
- 44 Great Lakes.
- Dreissenid early life history evolves through the veliger, post-veliger, and adult stages. The
- veligers are photopositive, active swimmers using a ciliated velum (derived from the
- 47 prototroch of the trocophore larva). After 10–15 days, the veligers metamorphose to the first
- 48 post-veliger stage, the pediveliger. The pediveliger becomes photonegative and settles to the
- benthos in search for a suitable substrate for attachment. The pediveliger has a velum and a
- 50 ciliated foot and uses both in substrate exploration. It is the pediveliger that is the primary
- 51 life stage involved in substrate selection. Once the development proceeds to the next post-
- 52 veliger stage, the plantigrade, it loses its velum and can no longer swim. Once in contact
- with the substrate, the post-veliger attaches and completes shell development and
- 54 maturation to an adult.

55 **Dispersion Processes**

- Zebra and quagga mussels are dispersed by a variety of mechanisms. Generally, in the
- 57 presettling stage, mussel veligers are moved by prevailing water currents. As post-veligers
- 58 become photonegative, settling down the water column, they drift with currents until they
- 59 encounter a suitable attachment surface.
- Mussels attach to surfaces by secreting a tuft of fibers known as byssal threads (collectively
- 61 forming a bysuss) from a gland near the foot of their shells. The threads have an adhesive
- 62 disk at the end that attaches to surfaces by secreting a protein adhesive. To detach, the
- mussels secrete enzymes that break the byssal threads near the foot. Byssal threads are
- 64 regenerated after detachment (Claudi and Mackie, 1994).
- Adult mussels can relocate either by crawling, which can occur at rates up to several meters
- 66 per day, or by moving with currents after detachment (Maryland Sea Grant, 1994). Adults
- 67 will reposition themselves to a more advantageous location to obtain food. Translocation of
- adult mussels is most common in fall and winter months (Claudi and Mackie, 1994). To a
- 69 lesser extent, waterfowl and other aquatic organisms also assist in the dispersal of these
- 70 mussels.

71 Feeding

- Both mussels are filter feeders; they use their cilia to pull water into their shell cavity where
- 73 it passes through an incurrent siphon and desirable particulate matter is removed. Each
- 74 adult mussel is capable of filtering one or more liters of water each day and removing

- 75 phytoplankton, zooplankton, and even their own veligers (Snyder et al., 1997; USGS, 2007a).
- Any undesirable particulate matter is bound with mucus, known as pseudofeces, and
- 77 ejected out the incurrent siphon. The particle-free water is then discharged out the excurrent
- 78 siphon.

79 Natural Predators

- 80 European populations of diving ducks have changed their migration patterns in order to
- forage on beds of zebra mussels (Molloy et al., 1997). This most extreme case occurred on
- 82 Germany's Rhine River. Overwintering diving ducks and coots consumed up to 97 percent
- 83 of the standing crop of mussels each year. However, high mussel reproduction rates
- 84 replenished the population each summer. Molloy et al. (1997) cited 176 species involved in
- predation, 34 in parasitism, and 10 in competiton with mussels.
- 86 In North America, the species most likely to prey on relatively deep beds of zebra and
- 87 quagga mussels are scaup, canvasbacks, and old squaws. But populations of these species
- are quite low; in the Great Lakes, diving ducks are migrating visitors, pausing only to feed
- 89 during migrations. However, Canadian researchers have documented increasing numbers
- 90 of migrating ducks feeding on zebra mussels around Point Pelee in western Lake Erie. In
- 91 southern Lake Michigan, zebra mussels encrusting an underwater power plant intake
- 92 attracted flocks of lesser scaup. Unfortunately, some were pulled into the intake pipe and
- drowned. The stomachs of these dead scaup were full of zebra mussels. Mallard ducks also
- 94 are frequently observed foraging on zebra mussels on shoreline rocks and shallow
- 95 structures. Additionally, round goby (Neogobius melanostomus) and freshwater drum
- 96 (Aplodinotus grunniens) are known to feed substantially on Dreissena spp (French and Love,
- 97 1995; Walsh et al., 2007). While drums may reduce population, they are not an effective
- 98 biological controller because of feeding limitations based on mussel shell size (French and
- 99 Love, 1995). Yellow perch (Perca flavescens) have been observed feeding on juveniles,
- particularly when they are detached and drifting.

101 Limiting Factors

- Although zebra and quagga mussels are similar species, limiting factors vary slightly, as
- shown in Table 1.

104 Food Supply

- Food availability is one of the most essential factors for *Dreissena spp* growth (Chase and
- Bailey, 1999). Insufficient food can compromise the structure of *Dreissena spp* byssal threads
- and lead to weak attachment (Clarke, 1999). Total suspended solids and phytoplankton
- 108 represent the *Dreissena spp* food sources (USGS, 2007a). In Lake Huron, zebra mussel growth
- was affected nine times more by phytoplankton biomass (measured by chlorophyll-a) than
- by temperature (Chakraborti et al., 2002). As expected, higher nutritional quality of food
- aides reproduction success by increasing mussel egg mass (Wacker and Elert, 2003).

TABLE 1Environmental Requirements for Great Lakes Invasive Mussels

Parameter	Zebra	Quagga	Reference
Preferred temperature (°C)	10–25	As low as 5	Karatayev et al. (1998), Paukstis et al. (1997), Roe and MacIsaac (1997), Claudi and Mackie (1994)
Preferred calcium level (mg/L)	44–50	Perhaps higher than for zebra mussels	Sprung (1987), Jones and Ricciardi (2005)
Preferred pH	7.4–9.3	Presumed similar to zebra mussels	Sprung (1987), Bowman and Baily (1998)
Preferred DO (% saturation)	At least 25	Perhaps lower than for zebra mussels	Karatayev et al. (1998)
Preferred depth (ft)	15–25	Up to at least 300	Mills et al. (1993, 1999), Egan (2006)
Reported extreme depths (ft)	360, Lake Ontario	540, Lake Michigan	Mills et al. (1993), Egan (2006)

Note: DO, dissolved oxygen.

Temperature

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- 113 Temperature is another major factor in zebra mussel survival and reproduction (Chase and
- Bailey, 1999; Wacker and Elert, 2003). Zebra mussel survival temperatures range from 0°C to
- slightly in excess of 30°C for short periods; optimum temperatures are generally less than
- 116 25°C (Paukstis et al., 1997). The minimal temperature for growth and development is
- approximately 10°C (Karatayev et al., 1998). Increased temperatures usually increase
- feeding rates. Zebra mussel spawning (release of gametes into the water column) will
- generally not occur at temperatures below about 12°C (Claudi and Mackie, 1994).
- 120 Quagga mussels have been found in temperatures less than 5°C in Lake Ontario and there is
- evidence that quagga mussels are capable of spawning at temperatures near 5°C (Mills et
- al., 1993; Roe and MacIsaac, 1997). This may give them an advantage over the zebra mussel
- and account for their proliferating in the hypolimnion of the some Great Lakes. Claxton and
- Mackie (1998) found that quagga mussels spawned between 9°C and 10°C whereas zebra
- mussels neither spawned nor showed significant gametogenic development at these
- temperatures. MacIsaac (1994) reported that high water temperature in the Great Lakes
- 127 would not likely affect quagga mussel distribution.

Calcium Level

- 129 The significance of calcium as a limiting factor for zebra mussels depends on the life stage of
- the mussel. Although adult zebra mussels can tolerate low-calcium waters, veligers are most
- 131 successfully reared within a calcium level ranging from 44 to 50 mg/L, with minimum
- range of 12–24 mg/L (Sprung, 1987; Ram and Walker, 1993). Because veligers are highly
- sensitive to calcium, calcium is a critical characteristic for zebra mussel population
- establishment. Zebra mussels do not survive when there is prolonged low-calcium
- concentration in the water because calcium is an essential element in the composition of the
- bivalve shell. Calcium concentrations of 15 mg/L or less were found to limit the distribution
- of zebra mussels in the St. Lawrence River (Mellina and Rasmussen, 1994). Laboratory-

- based studies conducted by Hincks and Mackie (1997) reported maximum growth at 32
- mg/L and negative shell growth at 8.5 mg/L. Jones and Ricciardi (2005) indicated that zebra
- mussel populations occurred at calcium levels as low as 8 mg/L.
- 141 Quagga mussels were found to be absent below calcium concentrations of 12 mg/L, which
- suggests that they may have a higher calcium requirement then the zebra mussel (Jones and
- 143 Ricciardi, 2005).
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- 145 The amount of hydrogen ions in the water that is, pH is critical in determining whether
- zebra mussels will be able to survive and reproduce in a water body. A pH of 7.4 or less
- inhibits larval development (Sprung, 1987). Laboratory-based studies conducted by
- Bowman and Baily (1998) indicated an upper tolerance limit of between 9.3 and 9.6. Hincks
- and Mackie (1997) reported that positive growth in juvenile zebra mussels occurred only at
- a pH greater than 8.3. Despite the general threshold, in laboratory studies Mikheev (1964)
- 151 found that water with a pH of 6.6 and a calcium level less than 12 mg/L could host a mussel
- population greater than 500,000/m². This has not been documented in the field.
- 153 Information on the effects of pH on the quagga mussel is lacking, but the effects would
- likely be similar to those on the zebra mussel.

155 Dissolved Oxygen Level

- 156 In 1992, Lake Erie's area with periodic summer anoxia was the only region of the basin that
- was not colonized with *Dreissena spp* (Dermott and Munawar, 1993). This observation
- strongly suggests that dissolved oxygen is a limiting factor to population density and
- occurrence. Successful growth and reproduction of zebra mussels requires at least 25
- percent oxygen saturation (Karatayev et al., 1998). Due to their preferred shallow water
- habitat, this usually is not a problem. Although zebra mussels can survive at very low
- 162 concentrations for short periods of time, growth and reproduction will be limited
- 163 (Woynarovich, 1961).
- 164 As with pH, there is little information on dissolved oxygen requirements for the quagga
- mussel. Based on its ability to colonize deeper areas of the Great Lakes, its dissolved oxygen
- needs may be less than those of the zebra mussel.

Substrate Availability

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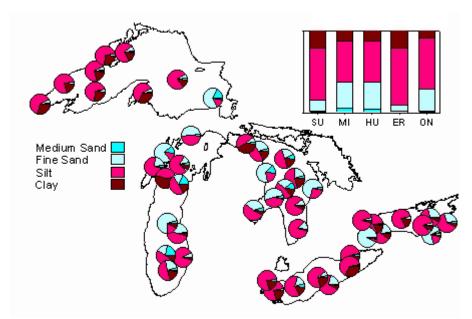
- One of the most critical factors that affect the distribution and abundance of zebra mussels is
- substrate suitable for attachment. Juvenile and adult zebra mussels are epifaunal and
- generally sessile and are most abundant on rocky surfaces (Mellina and Rasmussen, 1994;
- 171 Karatayev et al., 1998). The attachment of zebra and quagga mussels to hard substrates is a
- process that occurs when dressenid post-veliger larvae search for their initial attachment
- location and with mobile adults. Under normal conditions over 99 percent of veligers do not
- 174 reach a successful attachment stage. High mortality is expected for post-veligers unable to
- 175 locate and settle upon suitable substrate (Stańczykowska, 1977). Post-veligers prefer
- substrate consisting of macrophytes, mussel aggregates, and pebbles (Lewandowski, 1982).
- 177 Zebra mussels will colonize on any hard surface and can reach densities of up to 30,000 to
- 178 70,000 mussels per square meter (2,800 to 6,500 mussels per square foot) under certain
- 179 conditions. Zebra mussels will also colonize soft, silty lake bottoms where harder objects are

deposited to serve as substrate (Ohio Sea Grant Program, 1995). However, preference for naturally occurring hard substrates may diminish over time as mussels become established in an area and juveniles colonize old shell. This can result in expansion onto adjacent soft substrates such as sand, mud, and gravel (Hunter and Bailey, 1992; Berkman et al., 2000; Czarnoeski et al., 2004).

In contrast, adult quagga mussels appear to be able to colonize both hard and soft substrates. They have formed extensive colonies on soft sediment in Lake Erie (Dermott and Munawar, 1993; Dermott and Kerec, 1997; Roe and MacIsaac, 1997). Quagga and zebra mussels have been found in western Lake Erie on soft substrates, displaying adaptation within 4 years of being introduced into the basin (Ohio Sea Grant Program, 1995; Berkman et al., 2000). In Lake Michigan they can colonize sand, clay, and pebbles, but not soft mud (Egan, 2006). As noted above, once a mussel is established on a hard or soft substrate, its shell can provide complex, hard substrate and promote colonization. Zebra mussels also will attach to one another, growing to thicknesses of up to 150 mm (6 in) (O'Neill, 1996).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Great Lakes National Program Office reported the substrate composition of the Great Lakes for 1998 (EPA, 1998). (See Figure 1.) Silt and clay dominate the lakes, and Lake Michigan and Huron have the most sand. All substrate types in the Great Lakes could be colonized by quagga mussels because whereas substrate has been shown to affect population density and distribution, it has not been shown to restrict mussels from being present in systems due to their ability to colonize sand, mud, and hard substrate (Allen and Ramcharan, 2001).

FIGURE 1 Sediment Composition in the Great Lakes, Summer 1998



Source: EPA (1998).

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- 202 Zebra mussels generally reach their highest densities in shallow water. Lake Ontario zebra
- 203 mussel populations were most abundant at depths of 15 to 25 m (50 to 82 ft) (Mills et al.,
- 204 1993). In Lake Erie, zebra mussels have expanded habitat into deeper, muddy substrate
- 205 areas of the basin with an average depth of 10 m (33 ft) (Coakley et al., 1997). In Lake
- 206 Ontario they have been reported at depths of 110 m (360 ft) (Mills et al., 1993).
- 207 In Lake Erie, zebra and quagga mussels coexist at depths of 8 to 110 m (26 to 360 ft).
- 208 However, only quagga mussels are present at depths greater than 110 m (360 ft), as great as
- 130 m (425 ft) in Lake Ontario (Mills et al., 1993, 1999). Quagga mussels can thrive in both 209
- 210 warm and near-freezing conditions of Lake Michigan, flourishing at depths of 300 ft and
- 211 have been found as deep as 540 ft (Egan, 2006).

Colonization Effects

- 213 While low-density zebra and quagga mussel colonies may cause negligible impact, high-
- 214 density colonies have led to major ecological and economic problems since their arrival in
- 215 North America. Both species are prodigious water filterers, removing substantial amounts
- 216 of phytoplankton and suspended particulates from the water. By removing the
- 217 phytoplankton, dreissenid in turn decrease the food source for zooplankton, therefore
- 218 altering the food web (USGS, 2007a, b). USGS (2007a) summarized studies showing the
- 219 decreases of plankton due to large dreissenid colonies reducing zooplankton biomass
- 220 through reducing phytoplankton. (See Table 2.) Zebra mussels filter small particles 90
- 221 percent more efficiently than native unionid bivalve mollusks, and dreissenid infestations
- 222 have decreased unionid populations (Nalepa, 1994; USGS, 2007a). A study by the National
- 223 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Great Lakes Environmental Research
- 224 Laboratory found that zebra mussels also promote and maintain *Microcystis* blooms, a
- 225 potentially toxic blue-green alga, by filtering *Microcystis* out of water but eating other algae,
- 226 Microcystis's competitors (Vanderploeg et al., 2001).

TABLE 2 Summary of Studies Reporting Phytoplankton Decline due to Large-Scale Dreissena spp Invasions*

Location	Effects after Dreissena spp invasions	Reference
Lake Erie	Diatom declined 82–92%	Holland (1993)
	Total algae declined 62–90% from 1988 to 1990	Nichols and Hopkins (1993)
	Zooplankton declined 55–71%	MacIsaac et al. (1995)
Saginaw Bay, Lake Huron	Chlorophyll-a declined 60–70%; zooplankton decreased 40% from 1991 to 1992	Fahnenstiel et al. (1993)
Hudson River	Phytoplankton biomass declined 85%; zooplankton declined 70%	Caraco et al. (1997)

^{*} From USGS (2007a) data.

227 Dr. Thomas Nalepa with NOAA reported that Lake Huron alewives, smelt, and bloater 228

populations, which feed on zooplankton, have suffered greatly owing to the invasion of

quagga, which severely decrease food availability for the larger fish that prey on these

smaller fish. Nalepa also stated that Michigan's coho and chinook salmon stocking rates

- 231 were reduced by 50 percent in response to mussels' negative impact on food availability
- 232 (AP, 2007).
- 233 In addition to decreasing chlorophyll-*a*, the filtration of water is associated with increases in
- water transparency and accumulation of pseudofeces (Claxton and Mackie, 1998). Increased
- water clarity enhances light penetration, causing a proliferation of aquatic plants that can
- change species dominance. This alters entire ecosystems and creates viable substrate from
- 237 plants for veligers to expand colonies. Increased water clarity can also alter thermoclines by
- 238 increasing water temperature. The accumulating pseudofeces produced by high-density
- dreissenid colonies create a polluted environment (USGS, 2007a). The process of waste
- 240 decomposing depletes oxygen, creates acidic conditions, and produces toxic byproducts
- 241 (USGS, 2007b). In addition, quagga and zebra mussels accumulate organic pollutants within
- their tissues to levels more than 300,000 times greater than concentrations in the
- 243 environment, and these pollutants are found in their pseudofeces. These bioaccumulated
- 244 toxins can be passed up the food chain, thereby increasing wildlife exposure to organic
- 245 pollutants (Snyder et al., 1997; USGS, 2007a).
- 246 Another major threat from high *Dreissena spp* density involves the fouling of native
- 247 freshwater mussels. In addition to competing for food, zebra mussels are known to heavily
- 248 colonize any hard substrata, including native mussels and other invertebrates. This can
- 249 cause stress and even mortality due to feeding interference, and this fouling has severely
- 250 reduced populations of native mussels.
- 251 High *Dreissena spp* density can also change habitat for other species. The *Dreissena spp* beds
- 252 negatively affect blue gill, a major Great Lakes fisheries species, by decreasing their
- 253 predation rates on amphipods by providing amphipods spatial refugia (González and
- Downing, 1999). Similar decreased foraging efficiency was reported with native mottled
- 255 sculpin (Cottus bairdi) (McCabe and Marsden, 2001).
- 256 The ability to rapidly colonize hard surfaces causes serious economic problems. These major
- 257 biofouling organisms can clog water intake structures, such as pipes and screens, therefore
- 258 reducing pumping capabilities for power and water treatment plants, costing industries,
- companies, and communities. Recreation-based industries and activities have also been
- affected; docks, breakwalls, buoys, boats, and beaches have all been heavily colonized
- 261 (USGS, 2007a).

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- 262 Potential *Dreissena spp* colonization impacts are not completely clear owing to the relatively
- short time span of their presence in North America. However, it is certain from studies thus
- far that *Dreissena spp* have a high potential for rapid adaptation leading to significant long-
- 265 term impacts in North American waters (Mills et al., 1996).

Population Distribution

- 267 A population shift has occurred within the *Dreissena spp* since the early 1990s. The large
- shell size and low respiration rates of quagga mussels are competitive advantages against
- 269 the zebra mussel and may explain their increasing dominance between the two species
- 270 (Stoeckmann, 2003). In 1992, quagga mussels greatly outnumbered zebra mussels only in
- 271 the eastern basin of Lake Erie, but now the entire lake is dominated with quagga mussels
- 272 (Mills et al., 1993; Patterson et al., 2002). Additionally, Patterson et al. (2002) reported that
- 273 the *Dreissena spp* basin-average, shell-free dry tissue mass in Lake Erie increased nearly

- fourfold from 1992 to 2002. Quagga mussels dominate the *Dreissena spp* in nearshore regions
- of Lake Ontario as well (Wilson et al., 2006).
- 276 Currently, Lake Superior does not have a large *Dreissena spp* invasion. No quagga mussels
- 277 were observed in Lake Superior in a 2002 survey; however, they were observed in 2005 and
- 278 in 2007 as expected owing to their ability to spawn at temperatures lower than zebra
- 279 mussels can and survive with a lower food supply (Grigorovich et al., 2003; EPA, 2007;
- USGS, 2007a). The current area of reproduction is in the Duluth-Superior harbor (EPA, 2007;
- 281 Minnesota Sea Grant, 2007). Doug Jenson (personal communication, 2007) with the
- 282 Minnesota Sea Grant attributes the isolated harbor colonization to the harbor's being less
- 283 influenced by Lake Superior and by having shallower, warmer waters with higher calcium
- levels. Jenson also commented that despite the large magnitude of larva floating from the
- Duluth-Superior harbor into the western basin, no massive colonies exist in the larger lake.
- Due to Lake Superior's low calcium levels, Doug Jenson (personal communication, 2007)
- and Thomas Nalepa (AP, 2007) do not believe quagga mussel colonization will be as large
- scale as in the other Great Lakes.
- 289 CH2M HILL investigated the existence of up-to-date, open-water population density maps
- 290 for all the Great Lakes through literature searches and personal correspondence with
- 291 federal, state, and university authorities (Benson, 2007; Bunnell, 2007; Kreiger, 2007; Mayer,
- 292 2007; Mackey, 2007; Ciborowski, 2007). All resources concluded that due to the expansive
- 293 scope of such a study and insufficient funding, no recent open water *Dreissena spp*
- 294 distribution maps exist for the entire Great Lakes. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has
- 295 produced a nearshore map (see Figure 2) displaying the presence of quagga and zebra
- 296 mussels in the Great Lakes for 2007 but not showing open water information or density
- values (USGS, 2007c). Benthic surveys performed annually by EPA can provide only mussel
- 298 presence or absence data due to the provisional characteristics of the *Dreissena spp* portion of
- 299 the study (EPA, 2007). (See Figure 3.)

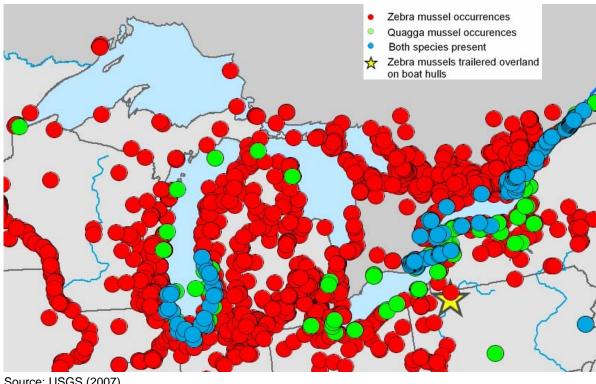


FIGURE 2 Map of *Dreissena spp* Nearshore Distribution for 2007

Source: USGS (2007).

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However, maps showing open-water distribution patterns in Lake Erie and south Lake Michigan were created for this report. To further investigate the distribution patterns of Lake Erie and south Lake Michigan, basin bathymetry and cargo ship sweep lines were included in the figures. The zebra and quagga survey maps highlight the 10-m and 100-m contours according to their respective depth preference, as previously discussed (Mills et al., 1993, 1999; Egan, 2006). The cargo ship sweep lines were produced from data from USCG (2005).

Lake Erie quagga and zebra mussel distribution maps (see Figures 4 and 5) were created using data from an environmental monitoring and assessment program (Ciborowski et al., 2007). Depth is not a limiting factor for the quagga mussels in Lake Erie because the maximum depth is 210 feet, within the quagga mussel preference. These figures display the dominance of quagga mussels over zebra mussels in Lake Erie and reflect the limiting effects of anoxia on dreissenid colonization reported by Dermott and Munawar (1993). Lake Erie's central basin area with periodic summer anoxia was the only region that was not colonized with *Dreissena spp*. Potential areas of concern may be areas to the east and west of this absence region, where sweeping and *Dreissena spp* presence was reported. However, because *Dreissena spp* are present throughout the lake, dry cargo residue discharged here may not promote increased *Dreissena spp* colonization any more than the existing colonies themselves promote colonization by creating their own substrate.

The southern Lake Michigan *Dreissena spp* distribution maps (see Figures 6 and 7) were created using data from NOAA (Nalepa, unpublished data, 2004. As in Lake Erie, quagga

- dominance is reflected here as well. A potential area of concern in southern Lake Michigan
- is the open water east of Chicago, where sweeping was reported. Depth is not a limiting
- factor in this area owing to its being less than 100 m (300 ft), and quagga mussel presence
- 324 was confirmed at the sites. Any additional hard substrate here may promote increased
- 325 Dreissena spp colonization. Near shore localized anoxia is possible in Lake Michigan and
- may account for the absence of *Dreissena spp* near Michigan City (Bunnell, 2007).

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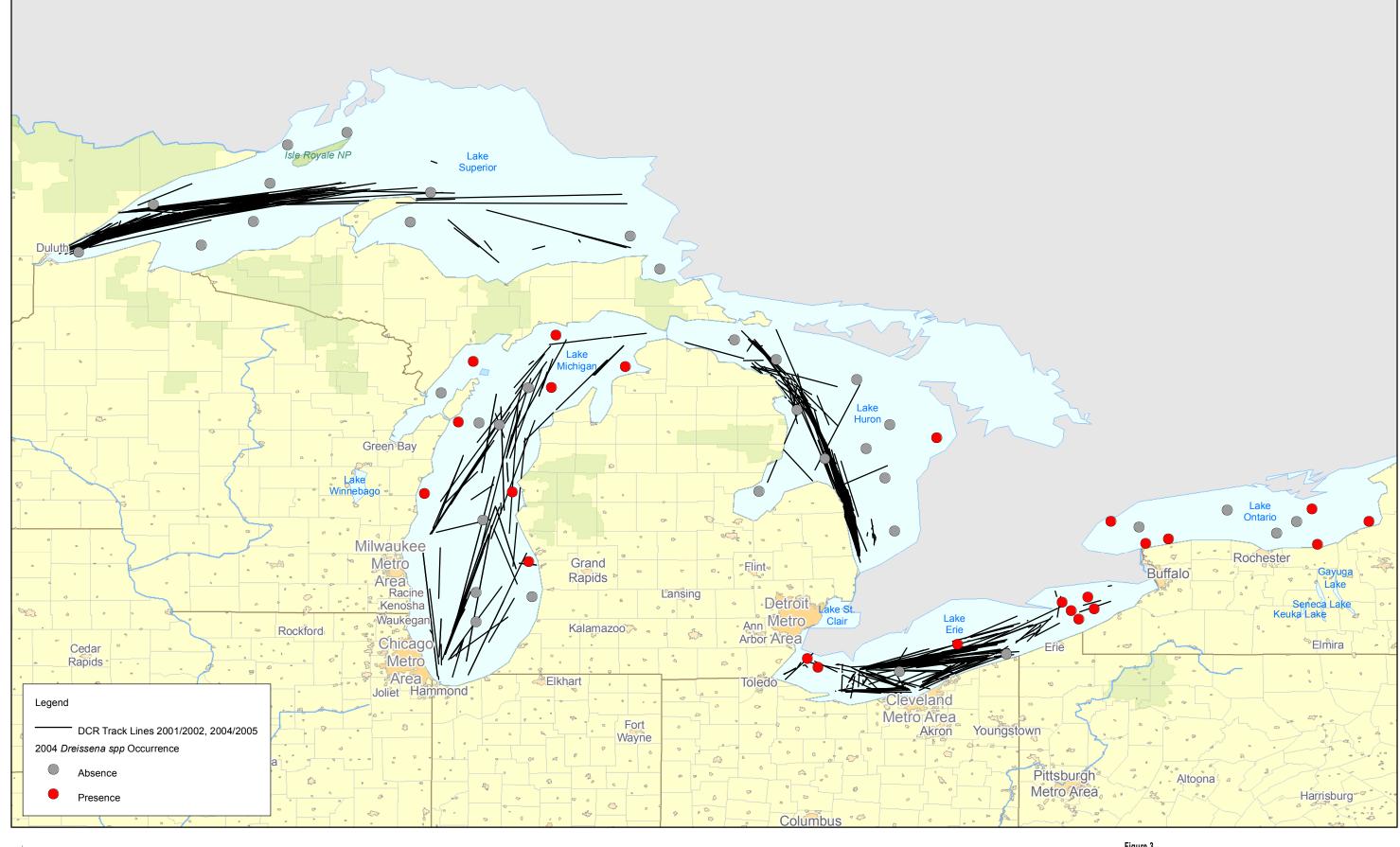
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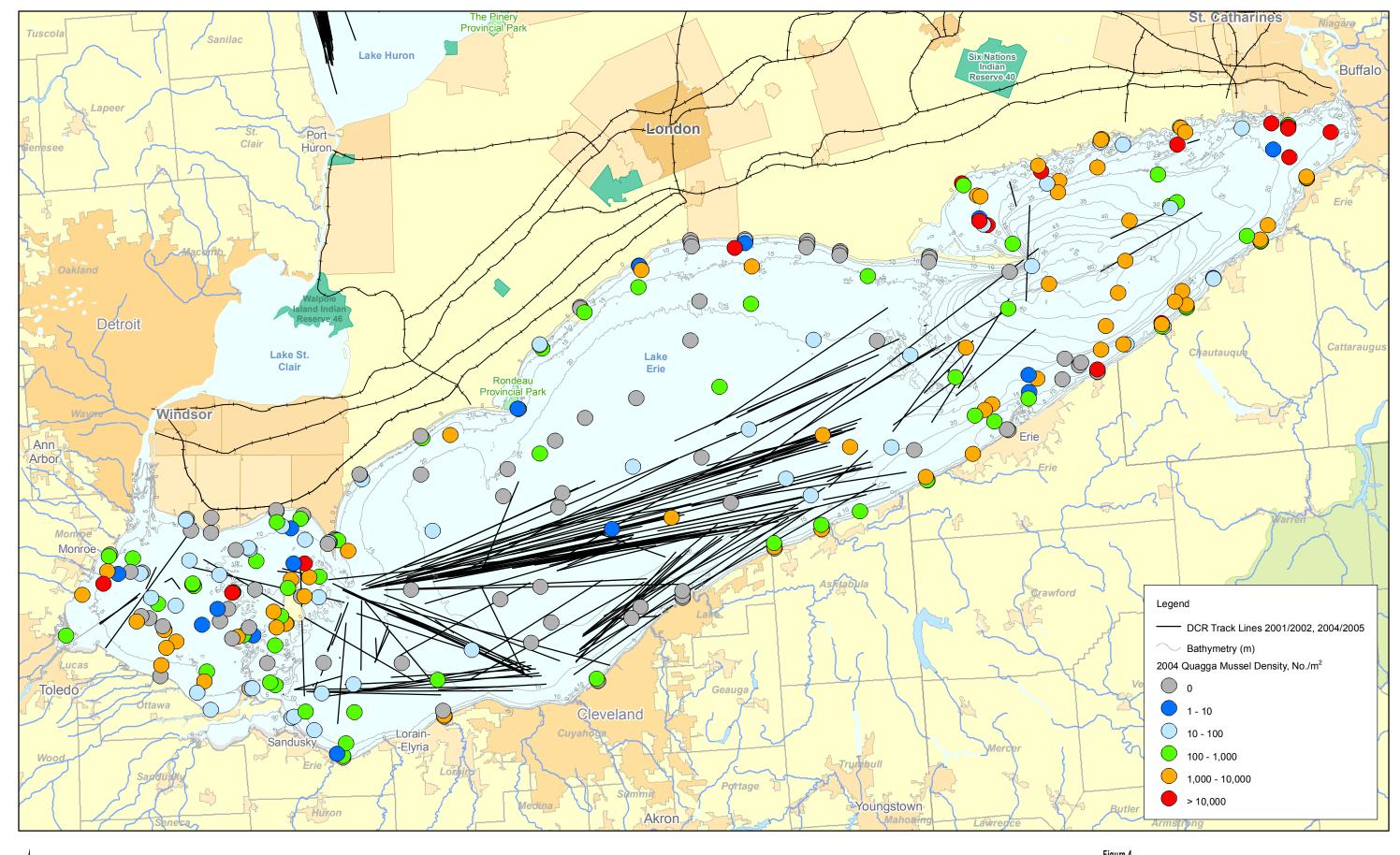




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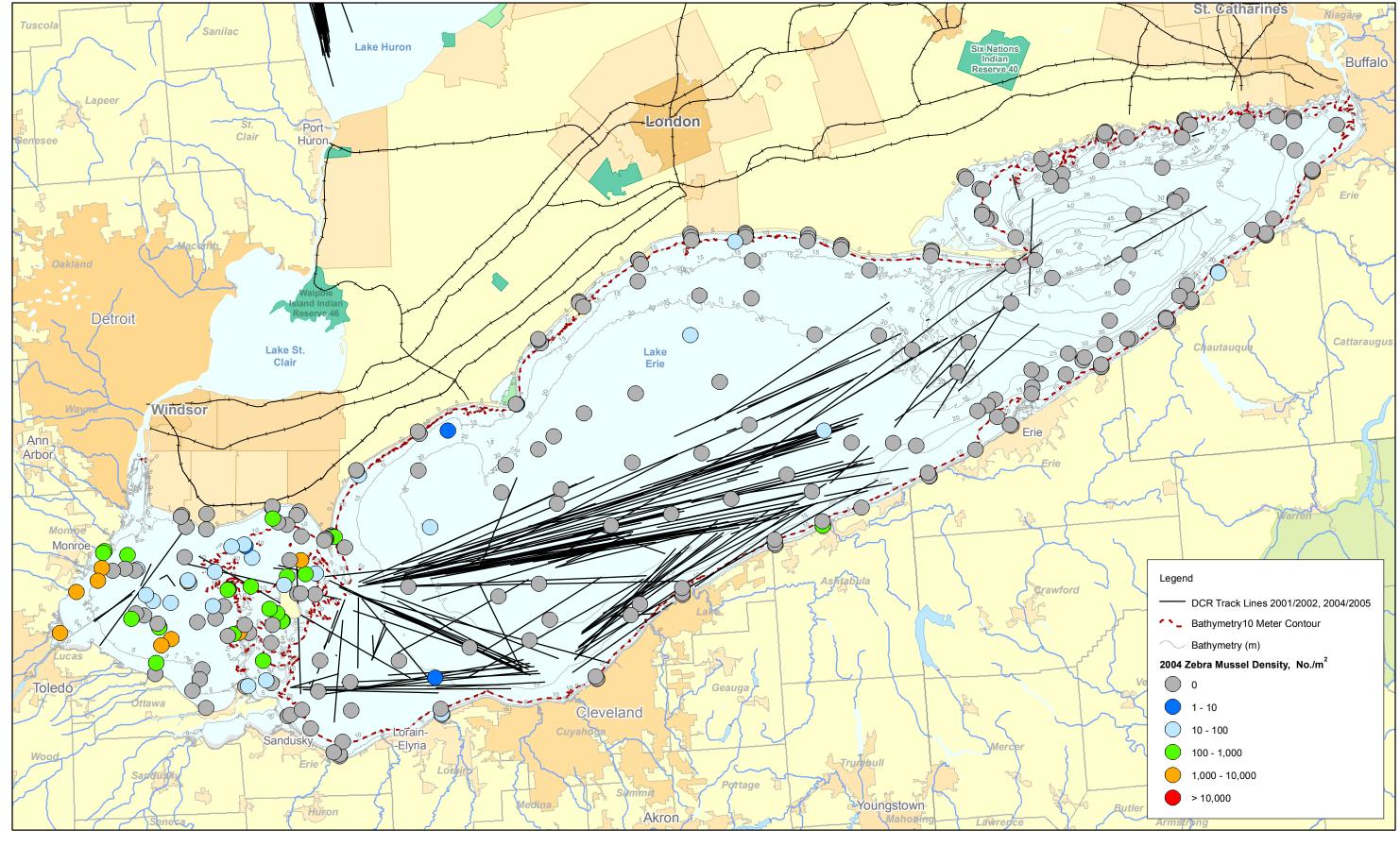


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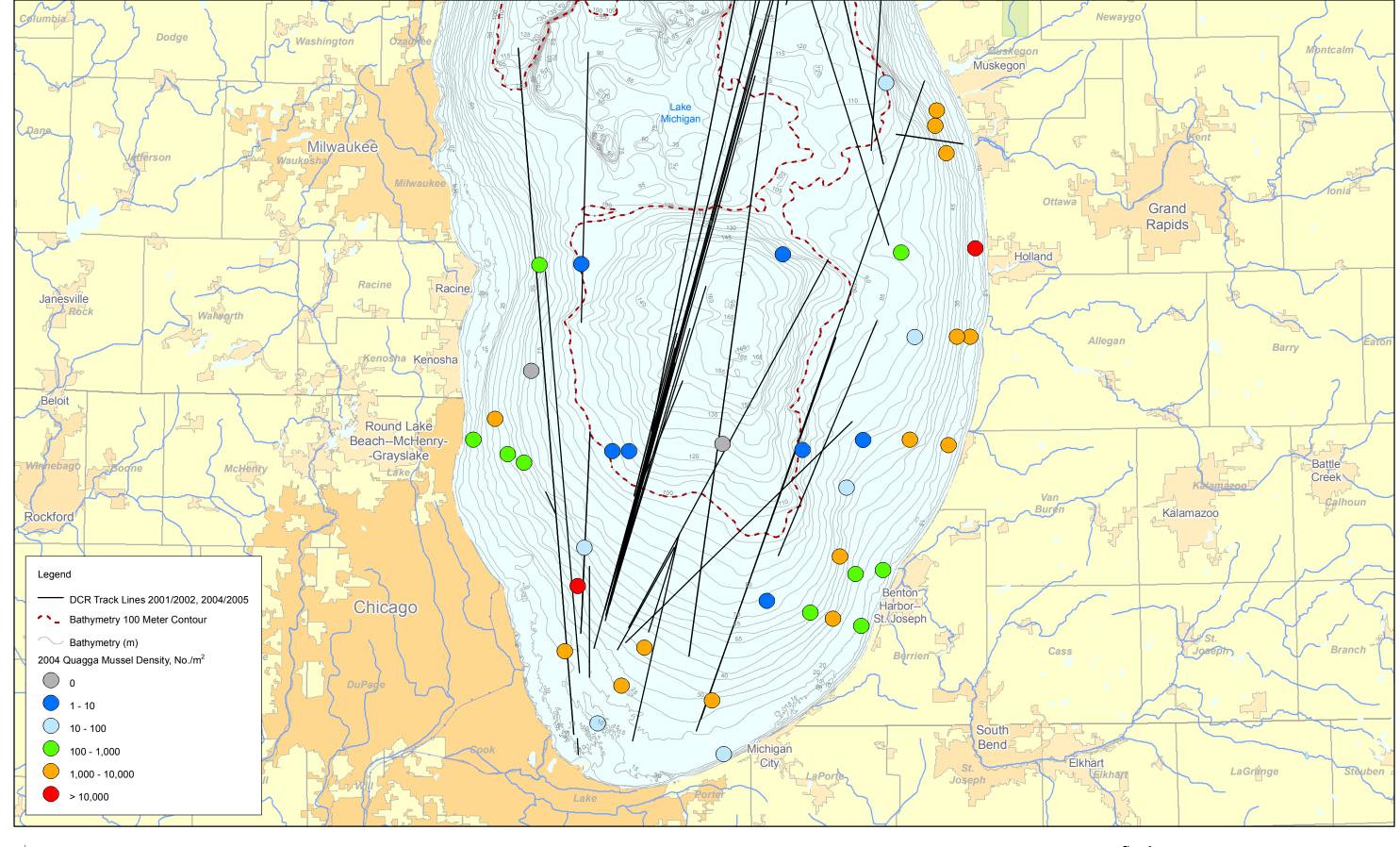


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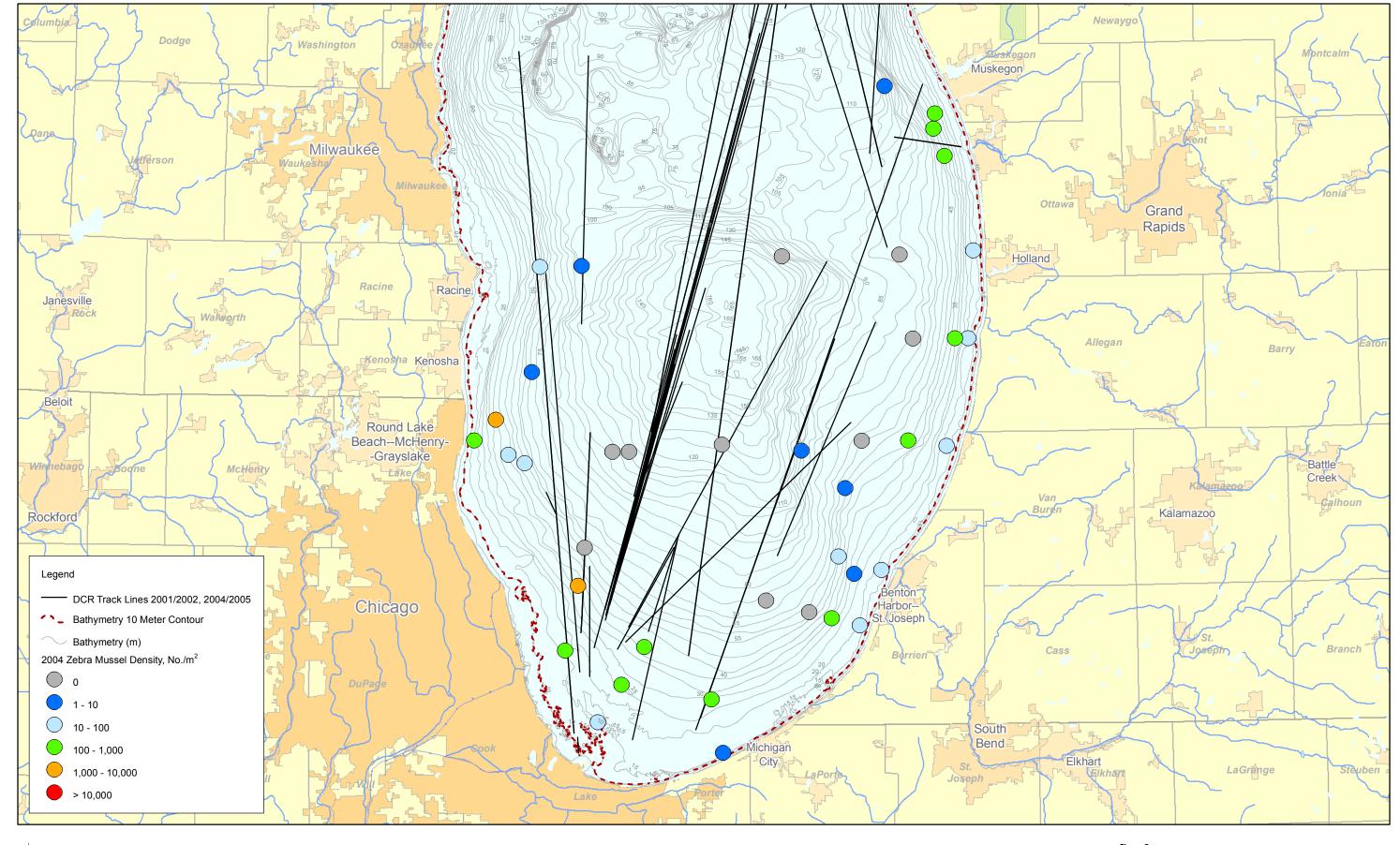


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